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In re Application of: Thomas J. Holman et al.

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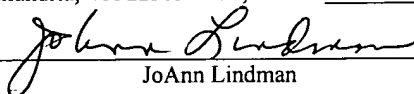
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By

  
JoAnn Lindman

Dear Sir:

This is a Response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 17, 2003. A restriction was made for claims 1 – 26, one or more pertaining to Species 1 drawn to Figures 1 and 2, Species 2 drawn to Figures 3, and Species 3 drawn to Figures 4, 5 and 6. Claims 1 –26, however, are not pending in the application.

With Applicants' continuation application dated June 25, 2001, Applicants canceled claims 2 – 26 at Item #3 of their transmittal. On November 16, 2001, Applicants filed a Preliminary Amendment canceling claim 1 and adding the new claim

set including one (1) independent claim 27 and dependent claims 28 - 40. Accompanying this Response is a copy of the Preliminary Amendment, a copy of the Express Mail Receipt showing a date-in of November 16, 2001, and the postcard receipt showing the date of Receipt as November 16, 2001.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the Preliminary Amendment be entered and the examination of the application proceed in due course.

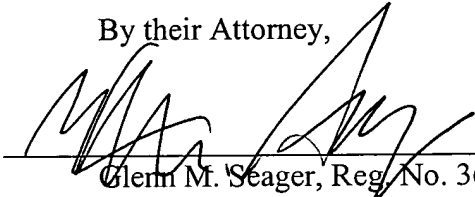
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